

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance
Company and State Farm Fire and Casualty
Company,

Plaintiffs,

V.

Metro Pain Specialists, P.C. et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:21-cv-05523-MKB-PK

Hon. Margo K. Brodie

Magistrate Peggy Kuo

**AFFIDAVIT FOR CERTIFICATE OF DEFAULT AGAINST
DEFENDANT KINGS CHIROPRACTIC WELLNESS, P.C.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

MICHAEL L. CARDOZA, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois and have been granted leave to appear *pro hac vice* in this matter. I am employed by the law firm Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, attorney for Plaintiffs in this matter, and I am familiar with the facts and circumstances in this action.

2. I make this affidavit pursuant to Rule 55.1 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, in support of Plaintiffs' application for a Certificate of Default against Defendant Kings Chiropractic Wellness, P.C., ("Kings Chiropractic").

3. Kings Chiropractic is not an infant, in the military, or an incompetent person.

4. This is an action seeking damages against, among others, Kings Chiropractic, arising from a systemic defrauding of Plaintiffs by the Defendants, including Kings Chiropractic.

5. Jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action is based on claims that arise under the laws of the United States (violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1961 *et seq.*). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367, the Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over state-law and declaratory judgment claims. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), jurisdiction over the state-law and declaratory judgment claims also is based on diversity of the parties and because the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs.


6. On August 17, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Complaint against Kings Chiropractic among other defendants, asserting claims for violations of RICO, common law fraud, unjust enrichment, aiding and abetting fraud, and declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201. *See* ECF No. 388.

7. On August 31, 2023, Kings Chiropractic was served pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(h)(1)(B) by personal delivery of the summons and Second Amended Complaint to Sue Zouky, an agent in the Office of Secretary of State of the State of New York. *See* ECF No. 419, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

8. Kings Chiropractic had until September 21, 2023 to file an answer or other response to the Second Amended Complaint. *See* ECF No. 419 Text Entry.

9. As the record demonstrates, Kings Chiropractic has failed to answer or otherwise respond to the Second Amended Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Clerk of the Court enter a Certificate of Default pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) and Local Rule 55.1 as to Defendant Kings Chiropractic. A proposed Certificate of Default is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.



Michael L. Cardoza

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
to me on this 10 day of July, 2024



Notary Public

